

R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's allowance of claims 37-39 and the Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 18-23, 26, 30 and 34-36 are respectfully acknowledged.

Claims 18, 19, 21 and 22 have been amended to be rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their parent claim 1.

Claim 29, which the Examiner stated would be objected to if claim 18 were allowed, has been canceled.

Claim 34 has been amended to be rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of its parent claim 33.

Claim 27 has been amended to depend from claim 18; claim 30 has been amended to depend from claim 19; and claim 35 has been amended to depend from claim 34.

Finally, claims 30 and 39 have been amended to make minor revisions, and claim 35 has been amended to provide better antecedent basis of the recitation of the "first" exterior layer in claim 36.

No new matter has been added. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be

approved and entered, and it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 18, 19, 21, 22 and 34, and all of the claims respectively depending therefrom are all in condition for immediate allowance, along with allowed claims 37-39.

CLAIM FEE

The application was originally filed with 25 claims of which 5 were independent, and the appropriate claim fee was paid for such claims. The application now contains 15 claims, of which 6 are independent. Accordingly, a claim fee in the amount of \$210.00 for the addition of 1 extra independent claim is attached hereto. In addition, authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees which may be determined to be required to Account No. 06-1378.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

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Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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